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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

It appears to me that the proposed settlement of the us government's antitrust suit with microsoft is a near complete victory for microsoft. I am very concerned as a computer science professional (an Associate professor at Georgia State University, although these are my personal opinions and not those of the university or my department) that the closing of previously open standards will adversely affect research, development and future economic vitality in computer science. Since non-commercial groups, which includes open source developers, government organizations, and academics appear to have no rights under the settlement we can be effectively shut down by microsoft. This is not good as the basis for our nation's strength comes from its diverse and active economy.

By the way I am not anti-microsoft per se, I even own stock in the company. I am just very concerned that the mis-application of anti-trust laws in a technological field will severely damage our nation.

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Cras non poterimus ire; pulli sacri non edunt.

"First, they ignore you.
Then they laugh at you.
Then they fight you.
Then you win."
Mahatma Ghandi
